years old under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of National Pulses Development Project (NPDP) and Oilseeds Production Programme (OPP). Efforts are being made to produce the seed of Ramtil (nigar) & Alsi (linseed) through National Seeds Corporation (NSC) and State Farms Corporation of India (SFCI) for minikit distribution.

(b) and (c) Under minikit programme, the seed of new varieties of pulses and oilseeds which are less than 10 years old are popularized. At present there is no proposal to permit the use of more than 10 years old varieties of pulses & oilseeds as this if the only way to ensure the proper spread of newly released and notified varieties for better production and for benefit of the small, marginal & SC/ST farmers. However, under special circumstances of drought & floods, the Government of India has been permitting the use of popular varieties which are more than 10 years old in the drought/flood affected States in case of non-availability of new varieties.

Shifting of East Cost Railway Zone

*98. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Railways has already shifted the East Coast Railway Zone from Bhubaneswar and almost all important officers and staff have already been shifted to different places; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Government Schools, KVs and NVs in Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chattisgarh

*99. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Government schools, Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas functioning at present in Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh, district-wise/schoool wise;

(b) whether Government propose to open more schools in those States during the next three years;